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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: AMOCO OIL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) CAIRO 10940, (B) CAIRO 10951, (C) TEL AVIV 5611

1. ROSS CRAIG OF AMOCO ADVISES THAT THE MARINER WILL BE READY TO SAIL TOMORROW EVENING, AUGUST 19. HE WILL NOT, HOWEVER, SEND VESSEL UNTIL HE HEARS FROM US.
2. IN DEFERENCE DEPT'S EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT VESSEL NOT SAIL UNTIL AUGUST 19, WE ARRANGED WITH CRAIG THAT IT NOT DO SO, DESPITE THE CLOSENESS OF THE SEPTEMBER 21 LEASE EXPIRY DATE. CRAIG WILL BE EXPECTING SOME WORD TOMORROW. WE NOTE SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ALLON, WHO FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY AND INDICATED INFORMATION HAD BEEN PASSED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED.
3. WE HAVE NOW INFORMED GOI AS WE HAVE AGREED TO DO. IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE CANNOT REASONABLY ASK AMOCO TO WAIT UNTIL ISRAELI MINDEFENSE COMMENTS. THIS SMACKS OF ASKING ISRAELI PERMISSION, WHICH WE OUGHT NOT TO BE DOING. ADDITIONALLY, ASKING AMOCO TO WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE SOME WORD FROM ISRAELI MINDEFENSE LEAVES COMPANY DANGLING. THERE HAS SURELY BEEN ADEQUATE TIME FOR MINDEFENSE TO ASK FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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4. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS DEPT PRECEIVES OBJECTION,
WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED INFORM
CRAIG TOMORROW, AUGUST 19, THAT WE HAVE INFORMED ISRAELI
MFA, THAT LATTER FORESSES NO PROBLEM, AND THAT MFA HAS
INFORMED ISRAELI MINDEFENSE.
WE SEE NO REASON THEREFORE WHY MARINER SHOULD NOT SAIL.
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